

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
DECEMBER 20, 2006 MEETING MINUTES**

At 7:30 PM, Director Ware opened the meeting with a moment of silence and asked that the family of Charlie Ahl, former Freeholder and Freeholder Director, be remembered in our prayers followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Ware stated that adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act had been given of this meeting and read the Open Public Meeting Act Statement.

On roll call, the following Freeholders were present: Deputy Director Bobbitt, Freeholders Timberman, Lindenmuth, Sullivan, Simmermon, Bestwick and Director Ware.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Bobbitt to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the December 6, 2006 meeting and that the Minutes be received, approved and recorded in the Minute book. Freeholder Sullivan seconded his motion. The motion carried by a vote of 7/0.

**WAIVER OF THE RULES**

Director Ware asked if there were any waivers, to which Clerk of the Board Gage responded that the Solid Waste Management Plan (which was to be introduced next) and a resolution under the Health & Social Services Committee were waivers.

**INTRODUCTION**

R. 2006-475

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING REVISED SALEM COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Motion for Introduction of the Resolution on first reading was made by Deputy Director Bobbitt, which was seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. On roll call, the motion carried a vote of 7/0. The Public Hearing (and adoption) is scheduled for Wednesday, January 3, 2007.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

The following citations were read by Clerk of the Board Gage. All were presented by Director Ware with the exception of Speedy Hogate who could not attend the meeting.

Citation Honoring R. Benjamin Simmermon, Jr. for His Many Contributions to the County of Salem

Citation Honoring John B. Cooksey on His Retirement

Citation Honoring Francis "Speedy" Hogate on His Retirement

Citation Honoring Robert W. Garrison on His Retirement

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**GENERAL**

Roberto Rodriguez, Governor's Representative, Director, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Highway Traffic Safety – announcement of the availability of federal grants for Federal Fiscal Year 2008 to implement the state highway safety plan and fund related projects by State agencies and political subdivisions

Richard L. Canas, Director, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness – letter regarding the status of progress in completing the projects identified within the FY05 Homeland Security Grant Program spending plan

Judith L. Tripodi, Assistant Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs – letter announcing that the 2005 audit had been accepted, deficiencies noted and communicated to the auditor

Robert Grzyb, Director, Office of Finance, Department of Human Services – 3 pieces of correspondences

- notice of the approval of the Calendar Year 2007 Private Patient Rates
- letter regarding the Treasury formula for the assessment of clients' and legally responsible relatives' financial ability to pay the cost of institutional care and maintenance
- approval of the county per diem rates developed by the Department of Human Services to reflect the cost of care for patients at the State institutions and programs for the mentally ill and developmentally disabled

Dante Rieti, Cumberland/Salem Workforce Investment Board – 3 pieces of correspondences

- letter regarding the PY 2006-07 Workforce Development Partnership Program Allocation
- letter regarding the GA Case Management Allocation for PY 2006-07
- letter regarding additional Workforce Investment Act Allocations for PY 2006-07

Mark Robson, Ph.D., M.P.H., Director, New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, Professor of Entomology, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey – letter regarding the recently submitted Salem County Mosquito Extermination Commission 2007 Plan & Estimates for the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station

James R. Iannone, Executive Director, South Jersey Transportation Authority – copy of the December 19<sup>th</sup> Agenda

Virginia Saull, President, NAMI of Salem County – letter of thanks for the funding that will help the residents of Salem County

Mary T. Samuels – letter of resignation as a member of the Cultural & Heritage Commission effective December 31, 2006 at the end of her term

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

For the Month of August

Safety Committee

For the Month of October

Emergency Services

Complete HealthCare Resources-Eastern, Inc. (Nursing Home)

For the Month of November

Emergency Services

Shelter of Hope Population Report

Weights & Measures

#### **COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES**

Salem Community College Board of Trustees November 9<sup>th</sup> Minutes

Library Commission November 20<sup>th</sup> Minutes

Board of Social Services December 12<sup>th</sup> Agenda

Commission on Women November 14<sup>th</sup> Minutes

Youth Services Commission & Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition December 6<sup>th</sup> Minutes

Motion was made by Deputy Director Bobbitt to accept and file the correspondence, departmental reports, and the committee and commission reports. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. The motion carried by a vote of 7/0.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Bobbitt that all Bills and Claims, when properly signed and audited, be paid and charged to their respective accounts. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. The motion carried a vote of 7/0.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Bobbitt that the Treasurer's Report be received and filed, subject to audit, and that a copy be made available to the public, upon request, for its review. Freeholder Sullivan seconded his motion, which was carried by a vote of 7/0.

Director Ware stated that if there were no objections, the resolutions would be read in bulk.

R. 2006-476

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RESOLUTION SETTING DATE FOR ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING FOR THE YEAR 2007

R. 2006-477

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

FINANCE RESOLUTION CANCELLATION OF CHECK

(Check # 47745)

R. 2006-478

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

FINANCE RESOLUTION REQUESTING TRANSFER OF FUNDS

R. 2006-479

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT  
FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

(\$110,000 – PC Network, Inc.)

R. 2006-480

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RESOLUTION SETTING JOB CLASSIFICATION TITLES AND SALARY RANGES FOR 2006

R. 2006-481

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RESOLUTION OF THE SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
APPROVING THE PITTSBORO TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE'S SUBMISSION  
OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Deputy Director Bobbitt moved for adoption of these six resolutions, with Freeholder Sullivan seconding his motion. The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried by a vote of 7/0.

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Simmermon, Bestwick, Ware**

R. 2006-482

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION REQUESTING A BUDGET MODIFICATION OF THE  
2006 COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACT CONTRACT

R. 2006-483

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE  
SALEM COUNTY INTER-AGENCY COUNCIL OF HUMAN SERVICES  
AND THE COUNTY OF SALEM  
(Waiver Required)

Freeholder Simmermon moved for adoption of these two resolutions, with Freeholder Bestwick seconding his motion. The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried by a vote of 7/0.

R. 2006-484

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
EXECUTING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE  
NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE FOR THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Freeholder Lindenmuth moved for adoption of this resolution, with Deputy Director Bobbitt seconding his motion. On roll call, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a vote of 7/0.

R. 2006-485

PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
COUNTY OF SALEM AND THE SALEM COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

R. 2006-486

PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RAIL SOLUTION TO  
GROWING FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

Freeholder Timberman moved for adoption of these two resolutions, with Freeholder Lindenmuth seconding her motion. On discussion Freeholder Bestwick questioned the intent of 2006-486. The Clerk read the resolution which advocates the use of rail where possible compared to truck travel. Freeholder Timberman emphasized that the non profit group is supporting this use. Freeholder Bestwick supports this action, and suggested that it be sent to other Counties and our legislators. Freeholder Bestwick questioned the motivation of signing an inter local agreement with the Improvement Authority for economic development services. She stated at best she is wary of this and will have further questions on the matter. She stated that there may a better use for our \$150,000.

On roll call, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a vote of 7/0, with Freeholder Bestwick voting against resolution R. 2006-485.

R. 2006-487

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION AWARING CONTRACT FOR SUPPLYING AND DELIVERING  
TWO (2) NEW 2007 GMC DUMP TRUCKS WITH PLOW SPREADER/HYDRAULICS  
FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM  
(\$180,892 – Gallo GMC Truck Sales, Inc.)

R. 2006-488  
PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR SUPPLYING AND DELIVERING  
ONE (1) TN60DA DIESEL ENGINE TRACTOR AND TWO (2) FLAIL MOWERS  
FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM  
(\$50,787 – Cherry Valley Tractor Sales)

R. 2006-489  
PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE SCOUR EVALUATION  
OF SEVEN (7) SALEM COUNTY BRIDGES INCLUDING REPORT AND DESIGN PREPARATION  
FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM  
(\$229,532 – Hardesty & Hanover, LLP)

Under the unfinished portion of the meeting, Freeholder Bestwick spoke of the fine career of Ben Simmermon and that she will miss his many contributions. Freeholder Lindenmuth noted that he has been a long time football coach and he will be missed. Mr. Lindenmuth also commented on our flu shot program and the need to offer free shots to our elderly. Freeholder Sullivan thanked Ben for his years of service and noted that he has always been a gentleman. Freeholder Bobbitt echoed the comments of the others. Freeholder Timberman stated that she will miss him and that he is a great person. Director Ware stated that Ben has been a gentlemen and a statesman.

Under the public portion of the meeting, Jim Waddington spoke and thanked Ben Simmermon for his leadership and class while serving.

Debbie Behnke spoke and thanked Ben for his years of service, and his support for the Office of the Disabled.

Debbie Behnke also commented on the Project Lifesaver that the Sheriff was instrumental in initiating and that it does work.

A motion for adjournment was made by Deputy Director Bobbitt, which was seconded by Freeholder Sullivan and carried by a vote of 7/0. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Earl R. Gage  
Clerk of the Board

